

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2016, 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Mrs Holloway, Cllr. Mrs Grey, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Tilt and Cllr. Mrs Bestwick

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Cllr. Bolar, District Cllr's. Mrs Sherrey, Cllr. Allen-Jones and County Cllr. Mrs Jenkins

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 2.1 Chairman asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the Agenda.
Other Disclosable Interest – Cllr. Arrowsmith – St Kenelms Primary School PTA
Cllr. Tilt – Winwood Heath Allotment Plot Holder, Hunnington and Romsley Show

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Accounts for Payment

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£30.00 x 2
HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£364.01
Richard Arrowsmith	Padlocks	£48.24
Richard Arrowsmith	Newsletters	£250.00
South Staffs Water	Allotments	£130.11
Steve Pitt	Romstock	£75.00
Romsley & Hunn	Grant	£250.00
History Society		
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Show		
Worcs Wildlife	Ecological Assessment	£312.00
Consultancy		
Pat Woodward	Key Deposit	£5.00

It was agreed for Cllr. Tilt and Cllr. Powell to sign the cheques.

- 4.2 Quarterly bank reconciliation statement approved by all councillors.
4.3 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant £250.00 to Romsley and Hunnington History Society.
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- 4.5 To confirm receipt of £1,000.00 from County Cllr. Rachel Jenkins' Divisional Fund for 3 x picnic benches.
- 4.6 To confirm receipt of £200.00 newsletter sponsorship from Bloore and King Estate Agents.
- 4.7 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to use John Benner as our Internal Auditor for 2016/17.

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

15/1045 – Linger Longer, Chapmans Hill – re-design of previously approved dwelling ref. 15/0014 – **Approved**

16/0029 – St Kenelms Road, Romsley – proposed all weather ménage for personal use - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

None

Planning Appeal Decisions

APP/P1805/D/15/3135707 – 439 Bromsgrove Road, Romsley – house extension - **Dismissed**

6. **PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 Steve Tromans is in the process of completely cutting back the area to the left hand side of the path going down to the Scout Centre along the water course. Steve is due to meet with the Chairman and Clerk to discuss options for enhancing this area, one idea is to plant poppy seeds and install an iron commemoration bench.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

We are still continuing to log all highway defects on the Worcestershire Hub and it is pleasing to note they are being actioned. The Parish Council has received numerous complaints from residents about the parking on grass verges in Waverley Crescent. Clerk is to contact Highways to discuss solutions.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 The allotment padlock has been replaced. The Chairman is in discussions with the school PTA as to whether we house the shed there for more security and allow them to utilise half of it.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

- 9.1 Nothing to report

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Chairman and Clerk had a meeting with BDC Council Leader, Margaret Sherrey together with representatives from Severn Trent to discuss the ongoing Severn Trent planning application.

11. EVENTS PLANNING

Romstock

- Poster will be going up in the Spar shortly
- We have a licensed internet radio who will be broadcasting Romstock live
- Sadly Jag will be unable to provide the bar this year due to other commitments, Clerk to source alternatives

Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party

- It was agreed to open the event to Hunnington parishioners too and ask Hunnington Parish Council for a £500 grant towards the event

12. COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 www.romsleyparishcouncil.gov.uk is our new website address. We are planning to have a micro site from our website especially for Severn Trent and the 147 bus issues.

13. TRAINING

- 13.1 Nothing to report

14. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

- 14.1 Apologies given

15. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 15.1 County Cllr. Rachel Jenkins attended and spoke in depth with the parishioners present about what could be done to save the 147 bus. She agreed to present the petition on behalf of the parish to County Cllr. John Smith, Cabinet Member for Transport at Worcestershire County Council.

16. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

- 16.1 **Commemoration of First World War** – nothing to update
- 16.2 **Birmingham Resilience Project** – the full planning application has now been submitted to Bromsgrove District Council – 16/0085 – construction of underground water pipeline (approximately 10.8km in length), break pressure tank, extension to Frankley Water Treatment Works and associated works all in association with the Birmingham Resilience Project (CRP), Works proposed at the following locations – land to the west of Frankley Water Treatment Works (extension to the water treatment works) – Land to the east of Putney Lane, Nr Romsley (Break Pressure Tank) – pipeline runs between Frankley Water Treatment and the district boundary west of Waystone Lane, Belbroughton. Full plans can be found at <http://appuview.bromsgrove.gov.uk/online-applications/>. The District Council agreed to an extension for the Parish Council and parishioners to submit comments of 21st March 2016. The Parish Council had

invited Severn Trent to attend our Parish Council Meeting on 14th March 2016 but sadly they declined but did agree to another public consultation to be held on Friday 11th March at St Kenelms Parish Hall. This was attended by well over 100 parishioners. From that meeting there were three specific requests raised by the Parish Council.

Community Working Group – one priority is to establish a community working group made up of appropriately skilled residents and community members as well as design and project staff from Severn Trent and its contractors to go through the details of the proposal. The Parish Council thought this would send a clear message to the community of Romsley that their views matter and that Severn Trent are willing to engage with meaningfully to address their concerns.

Community Legacy – another area felt that should be progressed with some urgency is a community legacy. The Parish Council and community recognise that this project is vital to our region and residents of Birmingham. However, everyone should recognise that Romsley Parish residents will not receive any firm benefit or improved resilience from this scheme yet we will be asked to put up with years of construction and related disruption and our rural area will be blighted with a semi industrial water treatment facility. Some ideas for a community legacy are:-

1. Support the Parish Council with placing a crossing and traffic calming in front of St Kenelms Primary School.
2. Support St Kenelms Primary School with its planned redevelopment of its facilities.
3. Sponsorship of Community events.
4. Traffic Calming along Day House Bank and its junction with Bromsgrove Road.

Rectification of the outstanding issues left by Severn Trent in 2012 – The majority of these outstanding issues centre on the car parking area of the playing fields which the Parish Council provided free of charge to Severn Trent on the basis that both the surface of the car park would be renewed and any damage rectified. Sadly, damage to both the park gate and the boundary fence was never rectified and though the contractor did indeed deposit aggregate on the surface, this was deficient in volume and quality and no attempt was made to properly fill the pot holes that were caused by the heavy vehicles and plant that were stored there. There are a number of outstanding issues on St Kenelms Road where Severn Trent contractors replaced the damaged verges by laying replacement grass turf directly onto waste and aggregate from the works.

- 16.4 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Awaiting results of the questionnaire.
- 16.5 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** – a consultation event to launch the Parish Plan was held on Saturday 27th February 2016, 10.00am to 4.00pm at Romsley Scout Centre. Approximately 50 parishioners attended as well as the Leader of Bromsgrove District Council and 15

parishioners offered to join the Parish Plan Working Party. We will now be using information gathered to co-ordinate the questionnaire.

- 16.6 **Local Council Award Scheme** – Cllr. Powell has created a background page on the website and once we meet the criteria will make the page live.
- 16.7 **Youth Council** – sadly only two expressions of interest have been received. Cllr. Mrs Bestwick will email Michael Conroy-Harris at Haybridge to drum up some more uptakes.
- 16.8 The Chairman agreed to carry out the Parish Council Risk Assessment.
- 16.9 Clerk confirmed that the Community Learning Bus will be at St Kenelms Playing Fields on 14th April between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.
17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
Cllr. Bolar asked that Sue Holloway and Peter Martin be thanked for sending the left over Romstock t-shirts to Gambia.
18. **CORRESPONDENCE**
19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11th April 2016, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School